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Moveable Murals

Public Art Announcement

An Act of Love

Ribbon Cutting & Celebration

5/4/21 at 3:30 PM

250 Main Street, Watsonville

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Please join Pajaro Valley Arts, the City of Watsonville, the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust and the participating artists to celebrate the installation of our newest Moveable Murals: *An Act of Love: Mask Wearing During the Pandemic*, funded by **the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust, Cares Act grant**. Please wear your favorite mask!

This uplifting community-based project includes a digital rendering of the piece ***Wear Together*** by Watsonville artist Erik Davison; two photo

collages designed by Karen Lemon, digitized by Hedwig Heerschop, of photographs submitted by the community; and four hand painted murals called ***Flying Together*** by Watsonville artist Jaime Sanchez.

In November 2020, PVA put a call out to artists to submit mural ideas and/or photographs of themselves, family, friends (including furry friends), and/or essential workers wearing protective masks. Our intent was to feature art that demonstrates how personalities can shine through while staying safe and protected by masks. The selected images reflect the beautiful range of personalities and interests of our community.

The final designs were submitted to, supported, and approved by the City of Watsonville Parks Commission. The photo collages and image by Erik Davidson were printed on large vinyl banners by Safari Signs. The project was funded by the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust.

The City of Watsonville installation team included Grant Adams, Miguel Navarrete, and Rex Rackley who worked with skill, patience and creativity. Selected photographic images for the murals were submitted by: Genevieve Daly, Kimberly deLucia, Brianna Flores, Linda Martin, Karen Lemon, Marianne Nagel, Joey Ontiveros, and Graciela Vega.

Movable Murals, a collaborative project of Pajaro Valley Arts and the City of Watsonville, provides a venue for artists and community groups to showcase large-scale artwork in a public setting, visible to and enjoyed by all who pass through Watsonville. The murals are rotated annually.